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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Judge Sylvia Rambo  
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the Middle District of Pennsylvania  
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**Re: Allfirst Bank v. Ortenzio**  
**Case No. 1:01-CV-0786 (Judge Rambo)**

Dear Judge Rambo:

I am a partner in the law firm of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley and we just learned of this pending case. Counsel on the record is James G. Wiles, Esquire, who recently left this law firm.

Mr. Wiles has not yet relocated his business office and we have been attempting to contact him in connection with this case.

Today, we came upon a letter that plaintiff's counsel, Lawrence J. Gebhardt, Esquire, sent to Mr. Wiles, which made note of the telephonic scheduling conference that has been set by Your Honor for July 18, 2001 at 8:45 a.m. Based on a telephone conversation that I had with Mr. Gebhardt and your Deputy Clerk, Mr. Armbruster, it was suggested that I write this letter to request a postponement of the scheduling conference until we ascertain the attorney who will be assuming the responsibility to defend the lawsuit. The case will either be formally transferred to Mr. Wiles, or Blank Rome will retain it and may request an extension of any applicable deadlines, or this firm will file a motion to withdraw and for an extension to allow the defendant to obtain other counsel. As of today, we are unable to make this determination.

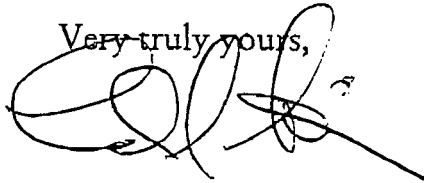
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The purpose of this letter is to simply request a postponement of the scheduling conference scheduled for July 18, 2001. It is our goal to ascertain the future representation of the defendant as soon as possible and, as set forth above, will proceed promptly to deal with this matter. Mr. Gebhardt has no objection to this request.

Your Honor's consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Swichar', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EDWARD I. SWICHAR

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cc: Mark J. Armbruster (via facsimile)  
Deputy Clerk to Judge Rambo

Lawrence J. Gebhardt, Esquire (via facsimile)

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